

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 25 June 2010 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Matthew R. Jenkins on 29 July 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Title

Change the title to ---Wiper Drive Unit On a Support Frame---.

In the Claims

In claim 1, line 1, after “housing” insert ---mounted on a support frame---,
line 6, change “on” to ---as a unitary one-piece construction with---,
line 7, after “housing” insert---via attachment means---,
lines 8-9, delete “when said wiper drive is mounted on a support frame,”,
line 17, change “between the housing and” to ---within said housing by---.

Cancel claims 2, 4 and 10.

In claim 6, line 1, change “2” to ---1---,
line 2, change “can be fixed on a component of said wiper drive, in particular” to ---is fixed---,
line 3, change “housing,” to --at---, delete “, preferably at several,” and change “points” to --point--.

In claim 7, line 1, change “2” to ---1---,
line 2, delete “designed as”.

In claim 11, line 1, change “10” to ---1---,
lines 2-3, change “two stops are provided” to ---said plurality of stops comprises two stops---.

Add new claim 23 as found on page 5 of this Examiner's Amendment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (7:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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23. (New) A wiper drive comprising a housing mounted on a support frame, a reversing motor and a gear mechanism connected downstream of said reversing motor, wherein a swaying element for driving at least one wiper arm or a wiper arm rod is provided on a gear mechanism output shaft, and wherein an operating range of said swaying element lies within a pivoting range which is delimited by a plurality of mechanical stops, wherein at least one stop is undetachably arranged as a unitary one-piece construction with at least one add-on element that is detachably mounted to the housing via attachment means such that it can be removed and/or moved in such a way that said swaying element can be moved from a first mounting position, which lies outside said pivoting range, into said pivoting range without being obstructed by said at least one stop, wherein when said swaying element is in said first mounting position it is outside said pivoting range, but is driven into said pivoting range after which said at least one stop may be mounted on said housing to delimit movement of said swaying element from within said pivoting range to outside of said pivoting range; wherein said support frame comprises a tubular element and said at least one add-on element comprises a tube retaining section, said tubular element being secured by clamping between the housing and said tube retaining section of said at least one add-on element.